

The University of Mississippi

Minutes of Meeting June 3, 2010

Staff Council

PPD Conference Room

Present: Prema Balachandran, Dotty Baker, Jeff Boyd, Carol Bullard, Sandra Cox-McCarty, Becky Drewrey, Tiffany Edwards, Mark Garneau, Shelia Goolsby, Doug Gurley, Angie Gurner, Ashley Harrell, Marla Holcomb, Johnette Taylor Jenkins, Natcha Knight-Evans, Elaine Little, Senora Miller Logan, James McPhail, Julius Minor, Valerie Moncrief, Ed Movitz, Patricia Oswalt, Paula Park, Neal Sellers, Sovent Taylor, Precious Pratt Thompson, Ryan Upshaw, Dorothy Vaughn

Absent-Excused: Debbie Bishop, Dawn Bullion, Melinda Grimmett, Alicia Goodson, Mary Ann Kerr, Stephanie Mitchell, Lori Patton, Johnny Price, Anita Randle, John Supple

Absent-Unexcused: Mark Camarigg, Benita Whitehorn

Call to order: Johnette called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Introduction of New Representatives: Johnette introduced the Council's newest representatives. They are as follows: Becky Drewrey, Institutional Research & Assessment, she will be replacing Erin Miller. Ed Movitz, Health & Safety, he will be replacing Jackie Vinson. Senora Miller Logan, Asst. Director for Lucky Day Scholarship, she will be replacing Lisa Bishop. James McPhail, Mechanical Engineering, he will replace Stan Fortner.

Minutes: May minutes approved by consensus.

Treasurer's Report: April/May treasurer's report approved by consensus.

Unfinished Business:

- a) Fundraiser Raffle – Patricia will draw for the winner on 6/18/10. This raffle has been extended due to problems selling tickets in May. Tickets and money must be turned in to Patricia Oswalt no later than 6/16/10.
- b) Staff Appreciation Week – Attendance numbers for Staff Appreciation events were very good. They are as follows:
 - o Jeff McManus' landscaping lecture – 25 people (for more information, visit his website, www.jeffmcmanus.com)
 - o Recipe Swap – 15 people
 - o 2 Day Blood Drive – 44 donors (next year will most likely go back to 1 day for this event)
 - o Convocation Service – 135 staff members
 - o New Hire Reception – 72 new hires, staff council members, and various staff members
 - o Plant Swap – 85 people
 - o Award Ceremony – 370 people
 - o Luncheon in the Grove – 780 people
 - o Bingo – 127 people
 - o Karaoke – 41 people

- c) Spring Campus-wide Staff meeting – Johnette printed and passed out an overview of the points of Larry Sparks’ discussion. Since the meeting the state has decided on a 9% increase in PERS contributions from employees. The University has agreed to increase pay to offset the cost.

New Business:

- a) Outstanding Staff Member for May is Michael Monaghan, Dispatcher in the Physical Plant. He will be given a certificate and coupon for the Commons for this honor. He was nominated Precious Pratt Thompson.
- b) Mascot Focus Group Report – Several Staff Council members and staff attended several of these meetings. These meetings are student-led discussions on the future of a mascot. Some felt that “Rebel” was inappropriate. The Chancellor has stated that during his term, “Rebel” will stay in place. There were many recommendations for a new mascot. There is also a consulting firm in place assisting the students of this committee in finding a new mascot. For more information, please visit their website, <http://mascot.olemiss.edu> .

Announcements/Concerns

- a) Hard workers for May – Johnette thanked all who are on the Staff Appreciation committee. She also thanked Angie Gurner for stepping in for Erin Miller on the Chancellor’s Museum Standing Committee.
- b) Staff Council Representative of the Month is Mary Ann Kerr for taking on the duty of prize collection on short notice for Staff Appreciation Week and doing a great job with it. The council thanks Mary Ann for her hard work on Staff Council.
- c) Ice Cream Social – Will be held on 6/18/10 in the Bryant hall Gallery from 2:30-3:30 p.m. All staff are invited to attend the Sundae Bar.
- d) Next meeting will be held on July 7th, 2010. Time and place TBA

Executive Officer Transition

- a) Johnette recognized the outgoing officers, and then she recognized the newly elected officers for 2010-11. They will take office effective July 1, 2010.
Ryan Upshaw, President
Johnette Taylor Jenkins, Immediate Past President
Tiffany Edwards, President-Elect
Patricia Oswalt, Treasurer,
Dotty Baker, Secretary
Prema Balachandran, Textbook Scholarship Coordinator
- b) Johnette thanked the Staff Council and officers for helping her make this past year a success. She thanked the Council for the plaque commemorating her service and said that she truly enjoyed being President for the past year.
- c) Johnette passed the gavel to Ryan Upshaw to officially begin his term as President
- d) Ryan said that he has enjoyed his time on Staff Council and is looking forward to the next year and is confident that the Council will rise to the challenges. He welcomes suggestions anytime.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:45 p.m.